



# Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway



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## Spring Guided Greenway Walks

Mark your calendars! The Greenway Campaign will be offering Guided Walks this spring. Learn more about this amazing 57-acre property while stretching your legs!

- \* Sat, April 16, 9-11 am
- \* Tue, May 24, 5:30-7:30 pm

Look for details in our April eNews!

## Challenge Grant Sponsors!

Many thanks to the individuals and organizations who ignited this year's Fall Fund Drive with a \$10,000 Challenge!



- \* Gordon Burns
- \* Mitch Conner
- \* Flowers Family Fund (Ed and Adrienne Flowers)
- \* Jane Lang

## The Time Is Now...

The sell out crowd at Montgomery High School on Feb. 20 heard music to their ears. Erin Morris of the City's Planning and Economic Development Department presented highlights from her report on Existing Conditions, Opportunities and Constraints – a fascinating portrait of the Greenway property. Assistant City Manager Chuck Regalia followed with a road map of the year ahead, emphasizing the importance of community input to determine the best uses for this land.



Members of the Greenway Partnership described their participation:

- Bob Macpherson of Caltrans spoke of the history of the land and the current collaboration with the Partnership
- Wendy Eliot of Sonoma Land Trust addressed their interest in providing city dwellers with greater accessibility to open space and their role in fundraising
- David Hansen of LandPaths and Jim Nantell of Sonoma County Regional Parks spoke of opportunities for activity, respite, and stewardship that the Greenway will provide
- Cordel Stillman of the Sonoma County Water Agency discussed their interest in a water pipeline needed to support current infrastructure



Sonoma Land Trust's new Executive Director, Dave Koehler, delivered the keynote address, sharing ideas and community benefits that other greenways have realized. After working on the 23-mile San Joaquin River Parkway with many complexities, he made it clear that we can

get this job done!

As attendees nibbled on treats and coffee they had the opportunity to look at maps and browse the information tables for City Parks, Regional Parks, and Sonoma Land Trust. Students in the Sustainability Program at Montgomery High exhibited their class project – ideas for the Greenway. The Vikings were a big help to us that day.

- \* Barbara Moulton and Tom Helm
- \* Barbara Vaughan
- \* Dorothy Weicker
- \* Individual Donors Who Wish to Remain Anonymous

### Event Speakers



Bob Macpherson



Erin Morris



Wendy Eliot



Cordel Stillman

We invite all of you to join one of our guided walks this spring and to attend planning meetings this year as we move forward with a robust community planning process. We will publish updated FAQs on our website in the next few weeks and do our best to keep you up to date!



### Fall Fundraiser A Success!

There are many ways in which members of our community show their support for the Southeast Greenway. During the Campaign's 2015 year-end fundraising drive, over 200 generous people amazed our campaign fundraising team by expressing their support in pledges that came to more than \$40,000 for the first time in the history of the Campaign. To date, all but a dozen of these pledges have been paid. During that same period, we were also delighted to receive an anonymous donation of \$40,000 ear-marked for our acquisition fund which now stands at \$50,000, even though we have yet to begin acquisition fundraising. Thank you everyone!

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